

Public Law 99-271  
99th Congress

Joint Resolution

To authorize and request the President to issue a proclamation designating June 2 through June 8, 1986, as "National Fishing Week".

Apr. 1, 1986  
[S.J. Res. 262]

Whereas the United States Bureau of the Census reported that fifty-four million residents of our country participated in sport fishing in 1980;

Whereas sport fishing is a family oriented, outdoor recreational activity that provides therapeutic rewards and enjoyment;

Whereas sport and commercial fishing provide an excellent source of healthful protein-rich food;

Whereas the demands for goods and services by sport fishing participants is estimated to generate \$25,000,000,000 in economic activity and employment for an estimated six hundred thousand individuals in 1985;

Whereas the commercial fishing industry annually employs an estimated three hundred thousand individuals and lands over six billion pounds of seafood worth over \$2,400,000,000 in direct sales;

Whereas fishing promotes respect for our Nation's marine, estuarine, and fresh waters, and their associated plant and animal communities; and

Whereas our country's league of fishing enthusiasts represent a constituency that seeks to prevent the degradation of our Nation's diverse aquatic habitats: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President is requested and authorized to issue a proclamation designating June 2 through June 8, 1986, as "National Fishing Week" and calling upon Federal, State, and local government agencies, and the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate programs and activities.

Approved April 1, 1986.

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